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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Willis R. Wolfe, Jr.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/21/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hitomi et al. Note Figure 6 showing turbocharger (57), high pressure EGR passage (21), low pressure EGR passage (23), intercooler (51) in intake passage (5), speed sensor (42), load sensor (41) and ECU (40) for controlling EGR valves (22) and (24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hitomi et al in view of Grandin. Hitomi et al discloses the claimed invention except for the utilization of an EGR cooler in the high-pressure passage. Grandin teaches that it is known to provide an EGR cooler (17) in a high pressure EGR passage (15) as shown in Figure 1. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the high pressure EGR passage of Hitomi et al by providing an EGR cooler as taught by Grandin in order to lower the mixture temperature of the intake charge in the intake manifold.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hitomi et al in view of Waszkiewicz et al. Hitomi et al discloses the claimed invention except for the utilization of a variable geometry turbocharger and an EGR/air mixer. Waszkiewicz et al teaches that it is known to provide a variable geometry turbocharger and an EGR/air mixer (42) as shown in Figure 1. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the EGR system of Hitomi et al by providing a variable geometry turbocharger and an EGR/air mixer as taught by Waszkiewicz in order to provide for better control over the engine's efficiency.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hitomi et al in view of Khair et al. Hitomi et al discloses the claimed invention except for the utilization of an emission controller in the exhaust passage between the output of

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the turbine and the inlet of the low pressure EGR passage. Khair et al teaches that it is known to provide an emission controller (22) in the exhaust passage between the output of the turbine (40) and the inlet of the low pressure EGR passage as shown in Figure 1. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the exhaust passage of Hitomi et al by providing an emission controller in the exhaust passage between the output of the turbine and the inlet of the low pressure EGR passage as taught by Khair et al in order to lower the emissions of the engine.

Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references of Dinger et al, Khair and Gray et al are cited to show turbocharged engines with EGR passages.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Willis R. Wolfe, Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 308-1950. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (4:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry C. Yuen can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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